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Applicants: **Russell Medford, et al.**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 6, 2001, in the above referenced application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This paper is being filed subsequent to a Notice of Appeal filed on May 6, 2002. This paper is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.114(c) and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time.

Applicants have attached the following: a marked-up version of the claim amendments, a separate Abstract of the Disclosure and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with a check for \$180.00. Although no additional fees are believed by the Applicants to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

AMENDMENTS

Abstract

Please replace the abstract with the following text which is also provided on a separate sheet in compliance with 37 CFR §1.72(b).